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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**  
**(37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b))**  
**and**  
**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Applicant respectfully requests that the above application be amended as follows:

**In the specification**

Please replace paragraph 00035, beginning at page 7, line 11, with the following new paragraph:

[00035] The support member 27 is preferably characterized by an arcuate support surface 36 formed in a medial portion thereof, as best shown in FIG. 5. The arcuate support surface 36 has a convex outer surface. At least one cutting member 20 may be attached to the arcuate support surface 36. The manner in which the cutting members 20 are attached to the arcuate support surface 36 will be discussed in greater detail later. Preferably, an underside 38 of the support member 27 together with the inner surfaces of the side plates 26 of each cutter link 22 of the cutting chain 16 defines an interior passage 39 that extends substantially unobstructed there through in a direction substantially parallel to the longitudinal centerline of the endless cutting chain 16, and thus its direction of travel.